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Newslines

Change of Command

Col. Kenneth DesRosier will relinquish command of the 20th Medical Group to Col. Stephen J. Niles at 10 a.m. Monday in Hangar 1614.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross is set to have a blood drive Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the SAFE Federal Credit Union parking lot on base. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Garrick Christian at 464-4952.

Legal Office closed

The Legal Office is closed today for scheduled training. For more information, call 895-1415.

Office relocation

The Mobility Section of the 20th Logistics Readiness Squadron has relocated from Building 1507 to Building 216. Operations will begin Monday.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Coleitha Heffner at 895-3028.

Promotion ceremony

The monthly wing promotion ceremony is set for Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at Club Shaw.

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Josef Cole

Vice flight

Col. William Uhle Jr., former 20th Fighter Wing vice commander, prepares for his final flight at Shaw May 13. He flew with the 79th Fighter Squadron.

101 Critical Days of Summer kicks off

By Staff Sgt. Alicia Prakash
Editor

The Air Force's 101 Critical Days of Summer begins Memorial Day weekend and ends Labor Day weekend. The focus is to **prevent mishaps**.

Mishaps are categorized into Class A, Class B and Class C.

■ Class A mishaps cost \$1,000,000 or more, consist of a fatality or permanent disability or there is destruction/damage beyond economical repair to an Air Force aircraft.

■ Class B mishaps cost between \$200,000 and \$100,000, cause a permanent partial disability or warrant inpatient hospitalization of three or more personnel.

■ Class C mishaps have reportable damage of \$20,000 to \$200,000, injury resulting in eight hours or more away from work beyond when the incident occurred or occupational illness causing loss of time from work.

Class C mishaps include reportable damage. Reportable damage is any mishap resulting in the loss of at least one duty day.

Tech. Sgt. Mike Wilson, 20th FW ground safety craftsman, explained an example of a reportable mishap as being injured while playing a sport and put on 24-hour quarters.

No duty days are missed in a non-reportable mishap.

"That's like spraining your ankle in a basketball game, but coming to work the next day on a profile," said Sgt. Wilson.

Sgt. Wilson said historically the Air Force has experienced more private motor vehicle (to include motorcycles and four-wheelers) and sports and recreation (to include parachuting and skydiving) mishaps between Memorial and Labor Day weekends.

During the 2003 critical period, there was one Class A mishaps, no Class B mishaps and eight Class C mishaps at Shaw.

There were improvements made

from 2002 to 2003 in mishaps, and Master Sgt. Donald Busbice, 20th Fighter Wing ground safety NCO in charge, anticipates more fewer for the current year.

"With our aggressive way of campaigning this year, we expect to see improvements from 2003," he said.

Safety is stressed in all aspects on and off duty, meaning the use of personal risk management is important.

"Use PRM in all activities," said Master Sgt. James Fowlkes, 20th FW ground safety superintendent.

He said from riding a motorcycle to boating, make sure you have received proper training and safety courses, wear proper operating and safety gear and abide by the laws. Sgt. Fowlkes also recommends letting someone know where you are going and when you plan to return.

"By practicing operational risk management and personal risk management, we can turn 101 Critical Days of Summer into 101 Survivable Days of Summer," said Sgt. Busbice.

Weekend Weather

Saturday



PM t-storms
High: 90
Low: 68

Sunday



PM t-storms
High: 89
Low: 69

Courtesy of the 20th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight



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New vice commander for Team Shaw.

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Tips for fire extinguisher use and safety.



Newslines II

CGOC meeting

Shaw's Company Grade Officer's Council is set to meet Tuesday at 9 a.m. in the 20th Operations Group conference room. Volunteers for the Air Force Birthday Ball planning committee are needed. For more information, call 1st Lt. Sara Lloyd at 895-2165.

CFL

The Christian Fellowship Luncheon is set for Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Conference Center. Reservations should be made by Tuesday at noon. Tickets are \$3.

For more information, call Mrs. Judy Huntley at 895-1408 or the Base Chapel at 895-1106.

Case-lot sale

A tent case-lot sale is set for Thursday through May 29 at the Shaw Commissary.

77th FS exercises in SWA

In a sea of tan-colored uniforms, the 77th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron stands out as the only unit wearing green fatigues and flight suits. Deployed to Southwest Asia for the month of May to participate in exercise Iron Falcon, the 77th has been providing 4-ship force protection support for multi-nation mission packages in various combat scenarios.

Among the defenses they must overcome are short and



Photo by Senior Airman Matthew Bates

Lt. Col. David Stilwell (left), 77th Fighter Squadron commander, is assisted by Staff Sgt. Reohcus Lamb Keys (right), 20th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, into the cockpit of an F-16 before the Iron Falcon exercise.

medium-range Surface-to-Air missile sites, "just the sort of scenario these jets were designed for," said Capt. Chris Bacon, Gambler Weapons Officer.

Capt. Bacon is the acting instructor for three 77th pilots learning the ways of multi-nation combined operations, graduating the 16 sorties syllabus as large force mission commanders. This means overcoming differences in terminology, equipment, procedures, etc. For instance, where U.S. forces normally prefer to attack targets from altitudes of 10,000 to 30,000 feet, other nations operate almost exclusively at lower altitudes. This presents a problem in maintaining awareness of friendly aircraft and it puts those aircraft into low-altitude threat envelopes normally avoided.

Supporting this effort is the 77th EFS, composed of members from Shaw squadrons, including the 20th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 20th Security Forces Squadron, 20th Services Squadron, 20th Component Maintenance Squadron and 55th Fighter Squadron.

Deployed first sergeant Master Sgt. James Dixon, 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, said the heat has been tolerable and morale is sky-high.

"Now I know why they went with the tan suede desert boots; folks spend a lot of time trying to knock the dust off their black boots," he said.

(Information courtesy of the 77th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron.)

20th Security Forces Squadron Blotter

(Editor's note: The blotter includes incidents from the 20th Security Forces Squadron reports. The following information is intended to increase awareness of resource protection and safety concerns.)

■ In two separate incidents, Airmen were apprehended for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol while attempting to gain entry to the installation at the Main Gate.

■ Security Forces responded to seven inci-

idents/accidents involving POVs and GOVs.

■ There were 12 traffic tickets issued during the week.



In case of emergency, call 911. Direct routine questions and non-emergency concerns to the 20th SFS at 895-3670. If you have information about any crime, listed here or otherwise, call the 20th Security Forces Investigations section at 895-3600.

Traffic Tips

Sometimes old tires need to be replaced even if they look new. As they age, they lose elasticity, get dry and hard. This has an effect on the braking and handling of your vehicle. Now, tires are date coded by the manufacturer to determine how long they have been on the shelf before being installed. Ask about the dates of manufacture of the tires you buy. Sitting on a shelf for three years gives a dealer good reason to want to sell them cheap, and gives you good reason to look elsewhere for that extra margin of safety.

Question Corner

Question: How many Presidential Unit Citations were awarded to Japanese Americans in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in World War II?

Answer to last week's question: The F-15 is faster than the F-16 and the F-22. (According to *Airman* magazine)

Last week's winner: Senior Airman Trad A. Leavitt, 28th Operational Weather Squadron

The first person to e-mail *The Shaw Spirit* at spirit.editor@shaw.af.mil with the correct answer will get their name in next week's paper.



DUI/DWI Statistics

Last incident: 4 days

Last unit:: 20th CMS

2004 total: 21

2003 total: 28

(As of Wednesday)

Punishment: Members, receiving a DUI/DWI must report to the wing commander the following duty day in full service dress. They will be accompanied by their supervisor, 1st sergeant and squadron commander.

AADD
Past week's saves: 16

Shaw's Airmen Against Drunk Driving offer free, confidential rides back to base for members who are intoxicated. For a ride, call 983-9722.

Teamwork helps ADOS win ACC award

By Ms. Adriene M. Dicks
Correspondent

Many people would say teamwork is important to getting a job done right. Lt. Col. Elizabeth Clark, 20th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron commander, believes teamwork is the primary element that helped the squadron win an Air Combat Command award.

20th ADOS recently received the Team Aerospace Award for 2003 from ACC. Seven flights make up the squadron: flight medicine, readiness and training, dental, bioenvironmental, the Health and Wellness Center, public health and aerospace physiology.

According to Lt. Col. Robert Gamble, 20th ADOS deputy commander, it is a part of the squadron's mission to maintain the health, medical readiness and combat capability of Shaw members. The squadron's leadership says this is done by making teamwork a top priority.

The award period was Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2003. Some of the squadron's accomplishments during that time include completing 12 high-altitude airdrop mission support flights and implementing the

Department of Defense's new Post-Deployment Health Assessment. Also, the dental clinic has also been chosen as the test site for the Air Force Dental Care Optimization program.

Col. Clark said part of having a successful squadron is leadership working directly with the troops. A part of her technique is to meet every person who becomes a part of the squadron when they arrive. She finds out what their goals are and lets them know what is expected. She said, "It's important to get out from behind the computer and see people. I don't know any other way."

She also talks to her squadron about what they can do to better themselves in addition to doing their jobs well.

"I push education," said Col. Clark. "Even if they're not looking to get commissioned, it's important to have that. I even talk to members who have already had several years in. I ask them what they plan to do when they retire without an education. The Air Force has made it easy for anyone to go to school."

In addition to striving to succeed while on duty and in the classroom, ADOS also seeks to help oth-

ers in the community and beyond. During the award period, members of the squadron formed a team to represent the 20th Medical Group during an American Cancer Society Sumter County Chapter Relay for Life which helped to raise more than \$46,000. One of the squadron's flight surgeons also volunteered personal time for a humanitarian medical mission to Nicaragua.

ADOS leadership believes fitness is also necessary for squadron success. According to Col. Clark, working toward fitness as a group also leads to better teamwork. By pairing stronger runners with those who need improvement, the squadron has seen success not only on the fitness test but also in losing weight and cultivating overall fitness.

Col. Clark, who has been at Shaw less than a year, said she is fortunate to be the commander of such a dedicated group.

"This squadron is full of awesome people. The real test was to come in and make them stellar," said Col. Clark. "An ACC award is tough to win, but we had a great year. It takes work from every person, but we have nothing but motivated Airmen who want to achieve."

Goode retirement

Mr. Joe Goode, 20th Fighter Wing Manpower, is retiring after 43 years of service -- 27 years active duty and 16 years civil service.

The Leonard, Texas, native and his wife, Montez, have four children, Terry, Joy, Wayne and Kathy. After retirement, Mr. Goode will continue living in Sumter.

Team Shaw members are invited to stop by the 20th FW Manpower office Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. to say goodbye to Mr. Goode.

Hinrichs retirement

Tech. Sgt. Chuck Hinrichs, 20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs, is retiring after 20 years of service. He and his family have been at Shaw three and a half years.

The Peoria, Ill., native and his wife, Mary, have one daughter, Lydia. After retirement, Sgt. Hinrichs plans to return to Illinois, complete his degree in human resources and start another rewarding career.

The ceremony is scheduled for Thursday at 1 p.m. in the 20th FW Headquarters conference room.

Allison retirement

Master Sgt. Donald Allison Jr., 609th Air Intelligence Group, is retiring after 23 years of service. He and his family have been at Shaw five years.

The Streator, Ill., native and his wife, Dawn, have two sons, Dustin and Jordan. After retirement, Sgt. Allison plans to remain in the local area.

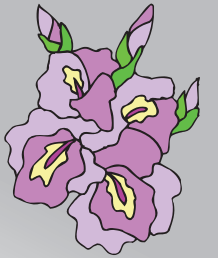
The ceremony is scheduled for Thursday at 3 p.m. at the Memorial Lake Pavillion.

20th Fighter Wing Quarterly Information Manager Awards

The following individuals were selected as information managers of the quarter, Jan. - March 2004:

- **NCO** - Staff Sgt. Torey Barnes, 20th FW Command Post
- **Airman** - Senior Airman Geletha Darter, 20th FW Manpower Office
- **Civilian** - Ms. Rebecca Mercer, 20th Medical Group

2004 Iris Festival



The Iris Festival is set for Thursday - May 30 at Sumter's Swan Lake - Iris Gardens. The four-day event includes concerts, arts and crafts shows, children's activities, a flower show, contests, the crowning of the Iris Festival king and queen, and more. For more information, call **436-2640**. For a full schedule of events or a map of the festival area, log onto **www.irisfestival.org**.

